

CLAIMS

We claim:

1       1. A therapeutic bird perch, comprising:

2       a shaft having two opposing ends, the shaft having a  
3       perching surface extending between the opposing ends and a  
4       plurality of longitudinal grooves defined in the perching  
5       surface; and

6       an abrasive coating disposed about a portion of the  
7       perching surface;

8       whereby the perch therapeutically simultaneously stimulates  
9       blood circulation and nerve endings in a bird's feet when the  
10      bird stands on the perch.

1       2. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein said  
2       shaft is cylindrical.

1       3. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein the  
2       grooves are arranged in a series of parallel rows.

1       4. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein the  
2       abrasive coating encircles the perching surface.

1       5. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein the  
2 abrasive coating comprises a resin and sand.

1       6. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 5, wherein said  
2 resin coats the perching surface and said sand coats the resin.

1       7. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein said  
2 shaft is hollow.

1       8. The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 7,  
2 further comprising an end cap disposed over at least one end of  
3 the shaft.

1       9. The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,  
2 further comprising a hangar bolt extending from at least one of  
3 the opposing ends of said shaft for mounting the shaft to a  
4 support.

1       10. The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said shaft is made from polyvinyl chloride tubing.

1       11. The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said abrasive coating is formed as a cylindrical shell  
3 disposed around said shaft.

1       12. The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said abrasive coating is disposed about a center portion  
3 of said shaft.

1       13. The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said abrasive coating is wound around said shaft in a  
3 spiral.

1       14. The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said abrasive coating comprises:

3       at least one base coat of a polyester casting resin; and  
4       non-toxic, silica free sand laminated onto said base coat.

1       15. A therapeutic bird ladder, comprising:

2       a pair of parallel poles;

3       a plurality of the therapeutic bird perches according to  
4 claim 1 forming rungs disposed between the parallel poles.

1       16. The therapeutic bird ladder according to claim 15,  
2 wherein at least two of said perches have a different diameter,  
3 whereby the bird exercises muscles of the feet to grasp the  
4 different diameter perches when climbing the ladder.

1       17. A therapeutic bird ladder, comprising:  
2       a pair of parallel poles;                                 5  
3       a plurality of rungs disposed between the parallel poles,  
4       each of the rungs including:  
5               a shaft having two opposing ends, the shaft having a  
6               perching surface extending between the opposing ends and a  
7               plurality of longitudinal grooves defined in the perching  
8               surface; and  
9               an abrasive coating disposed about a portion of the  
10          perching surface.  
1       18. The therapeutic bird ladder according to claim 17,  
2       wherein at least two of said rungs have a different diameter.  
1       19. The therapeutic bird ladder according to claim 17,  
2       wherein said abrasive coating comprises:  
3               at least one base coat of a polyester casting resin; and  
4               non-toxic, silica free sand laminated onto said base coat.